

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Fertilizer Quality Testing

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken note that the fertilizer quality testing infrastructure in the country are not adequate and up to the mark;
- (b) if so, whether the Government proposes to set up new laboratories and upgrade the existing infrastructure; and
- (c) if so, the details of the steps taken in this regard along with the budgetary allocation and timeframe for completion?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) to (c): In the country there are 78 Fertilizer Quality Control Laboratories (FQCLs) with annual analyzing capacity of 1.68 lakh samples.

Under Soil Health Management (SHM) scheme financial assistance is provided to States for setting up of new Fertilizer Quality Control Laboratories (FQCLs) @ Rs.75 lakh per lab and for strengthening of FQCLs @ Rs.30 lakh per lab. Under the scheme funds amounting to Rs.305.62 lakh has been released for setting up of 6 new FQCLs and Rs.381.695 lakh released for strengthening of 37 FQCLs to States during 2014-15 and 2015-16.

During current year 2016-17, budget allocation under the scheme is Rs.360 crore.
